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Re: Schroeder Fund for the Future, Inc.; AOR 1990-07

Dear Mr. Levin:

This letter is in response to your question regarding the purpose of the Bass and Howes supporter identification and polling payments made by Schroeder Fund for the Future, Inc. in 1988.

In 1988, Rep. Schroeder undertook a national tour to promote family policy issues, including the Family and Medical Leave Act of which she was a sponsor. The Committee provided Rep. Schroeder its list of family policy supporters obtained in 1987 while it was functioning as an exploratory committee. The list provided the basis for contacting potential attendees at family issues receptions, meetings, and speeches. Bass and Howes became involved in order to generate interest in and attendance at Rep. Schroeder's tour stops while also facilitating national support for the Family and Medical Leave Act.

The Committee was willing to pay for the Bass and Howes contract if it became the owner of the family issues mail list which Bass and Howes generated through its contacts and activities. Bass and Howes obtained no rights in the mail list which it produced nor in the Committee's mail list.

One of the methods employed by Bass and Howes to generate interest in family policies was telephone contacting. In their telephone conversations, they included that Rep. Schroeder was the chief sponsor of the Family and Medical Leave Act, that these types of family issues were a part of her 1987 exploratory campaign, and that the family tour was increasing the visibility and saliency of such issues. There was no formal poll conducted as a part of these contacts, and consequently there are no survey questions, polling results, summaries, or conclusions. Rather,

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the conversations were used to identify supporters of family issues. The name and address list of these supporters has been received by the Committee. The Committee has not contacted any of the individuals named on this list, nor has it used the list for any other purpose.

The only other information received by the Committee from Bass and Howes was a series of reports which amounted to written notes of meetings and contacts with various individuals regarding family issues and the Family and Medical Leave Act. I have included a copy of one such report with this letter in order for you to see the nature of the reporting. All reports follow this format. Each provides a summary of the contact made and the information provided to the individual by Bass and Howes.

I hope the foregoing clarifies the expenditure to Bass and Howes. If not, please contact me, and I will do my best to address your questions. Should you need to talk to Max, he is scheduled to be back in the office on Tuesday afternoon, May 22, 1990.

Finally, please accept my apology for the delay in forwarding this letter to you. I hope it has not caused you any difficulty.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Victoria G. Promis

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Enclosure

BASS AND HOWES

REPORT ON FMLA GRASSROOTS CONTACTS

4/29/88 - 5/13/88

contact person: Jane Dreher

2000 P Street NW, Suite 515
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 822-6630

ARKANSAS

Statewide

- o Jimmie Lou Fisher, State Treasurer
Room 222, State Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201
501/682-5888
Talked 5/12. She said their state convention is on 5/14 and asked to have packet FedEx'd which was done. She will see Anthony Alexander and Robinson and will try to talk to them. Told her about c-span airing of Pat Schroeder and Orrin Hatch discussing family policy on 5/22 at 11 pm EST.
- o Glenda Bean:
Arkansas Advocates for Children
931 Donaghey Building
Little Rock, AR 72201
501/371-9678
Talked 5/12. Said she'd gotten packet from Don Crary (see previous report). Is contacting two of her Board members who are very close to targets, especially Alexander and Anthony. Will let me know what she hears. Told her about c-span.
- o Carol Rasco, Gov. Clinton's Office
(see previous reports)
Talked 5/12. Clinton still hasn't talked to them but will probably end up sending each a letter next week. I suggested he encourage them to move on it this session. She said he plans to compare issue to welfare reforms. — they must get something going to have framework to start from. Asked her to send me a copy of the letter. (Also spoke to her 4/13 and was told Gov. "still hadn't seen them but would do so next week.")

ARKANSAS (continued)

- o Alice Preston
- o Grace Block
Planned Parenthood
284 North Monroe
Little Rock, AR 72205
581/666-7526
Gave both the info, sent packet, told about c-span.
Grace said she'd pass it along and bring it up at
her next NOW meeting.
- o Sharon Moore-Jocuns, Arkansas Advocates
(see previous reports).
Called Sharon 5/12 to touch base. She had no news.
Will call me in two weeks.

ALABAMA

Statewide

- o Jane Weeks, Executive Director
Indian Affairs Commission
669 South Lawrence Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
205/261-2831
Talked 5/13. She was formerly with Alabama
Women's Political Caucus. She spoke with Edreich
whose staff said he'll vote for minimum wage or
FMLA. She'll be in D.C. for Caucus Lobby Day, May
18-19. She will go by to see whole delegation about
FMLA. She's very enthusiastic and ready to fight.
- o Rhoda Brownstein
Mobile Legal Services
PO Box 2963
Mobile, AL 36681
Talked 5/11. She will write targets even though
she's not in their districts. Gave me names. Sent
packet, told about c-span.
- o Betty Gartman
5584 Vanderbilt Drive, North
Mobile, AL 36688
205/342-0586
President of Mobile chapter of NOW. Talked 5/11.
She said there's a NOW leadership meeting Saturday
and she'll bring FMLA up for discussion. Gave her
target list and c-span info. Sent packet.

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ALABAMA (continued)

- o Ed Crowther
Southern Poverty Law Center.
PO Box 2087
Montgomery, AL 36102-2087
205/264-0286
Talked 5/12. He will call contacts/activists in each targeted district. Sent packet, c-span info.
- o Carol Gundlach
Alabama Coalition Against Hunger
PO Box 409
Auburn, AL 36830
205/821-8336
Talked 5/11. She's not in any of the targeted districts but can tap her network. Says Erdreich and Harris will be easiest for them. They also work very closely with church groups. Sent packet; c-span. Gave me names.
- o Sammie Roberts, NOW
(see previous reports)
Called 5/11. Her husband said she's in the hospital for a few days. Gave him c-span info.
- o Virginia Volker
205/934-8308
Talked 5/10. She's Board member of New South Coalition and is in Erdreich's district. Is very familiar with FMLA and will talk to Erdreich about it. Will try to get NSC to do FMLA resolution. Gave me names. C-span.
- o Dr. Velma Blackwell
Knesgy Center
Room 212
Tuskegee University
Tuskegee, AL 36088
205/727-8011
Talked 5/11. She's Alabama state chair of 100 Black Women. Said this is just the kind of issue they're interested in. There are local chapters in four targeted Alabama districts. She will send info to them and try herself to meet with as many targets as possible. Said they often work with AAUW and feel they are successful lobbying on women's issues. Sent packet; c-span.